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THE ALLIANCA CASE.

Ground of Secretary Gresham's Demand on the Spanish Government.

HIS ACTION CRITICISED BY DIPLOMATS

Position of the United States to Enforce Its Demand.

LARGE FLEET AVAILABLE

ry Gresham is still a very sick e spent several hours at the State ent this morning in consultation Uhl and Mr. Adee, and was then d to go home to rest. A Star re-w him at the Arlington Hotel this

leged to have fired on the Allianca.

Prepared to Protect American Interests.

Regardless of the action of Spain, the United States is fortunately better prepared now than ever before to protect its commercial interests in the West Indies. If it becomes necessary there can be concentrated on the coast of Cuba, within a week's time at most, a fleet of warships immeasurably superior to any similar force of Spain. This condition is more the result of circumstances than design, and is due primarily to the fact that the principal part of the home squadron has repaired to neighboring waters for fleet evolutions and exercises, in accordance with a program prepared months before anybody ever dreamed of any occasion for their pres-

Acquittal of the Man Who Killed Colonel Parsons.

Said He Thought That He Was to Be Attacked.

THE JURY BELIEVED HIM

The minister said today that he hoped the excitement over the affair would not prevent temperate and good-natured con-sideration of the case. He has been frank and outspoken concerning it, but does not want this to be mistaken for irritation, or lack of diplomatic courtesy to the author-titude here. She said, 'His groans were awful, and we ran away.'

Mr. Gerrans followed Mr. Bissell. He identified Mrs. Robinson as Cusack's prisoner on the train, said she talked continuously, despite Mr. Cusack's efforts to keep her quiet; Mr. Cusack said nothing to her about getting revenge on her husband, or in suggestion to her as to what she was to say in her confession; he said very little.

ack or diplomatic courses, to the author-ties here.
"At the very outset," said the minister,
I sought Mr. Uhl, the acting secretary,
and assured him that if the facts disclosed
that the Spanish boat was in the wrong
an apology would be made, and my only
desire has been to have official action based
on established facts."

ONLY THE MAINE AVAILABLE.

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BROOKLYN,N.Y., March 19.—The utmost interest was expressed by officers at the Brooklyn navy yard today in Secretary Gresham's demand upon Spain to explain the firing on the Allianca. Preparations are being made to respond to any orders that may come from Washington to have the few ships now at the rawy yard ready for sea in case they are wany.

It is the general opinion, however, among the officers in Brooklyn that if any vessels are called upon to patrol the Cuban coast. they will be taken from Admiral.

The Malne is about the only warship now at the navy yard which could be made ready for sea on short time. The battle-ships Puritan and Terror are still in course of construction. The Vesuvius left the navy yard several days ago to blow up derelicts in the sound.

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rostmaster General Bisseil has issued an order changing the postal regulations, in accordance with the law passed by the last Congress, in relation to franking. Under the new regulation all officers of the United States, and more especially Congressmen, may avail themselves of the franking privilege for all correspondence relating to public business of any nature.

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Cross-examination falled to shake the
stories of either Mr. Bissell or Mr. Gerrans in any particular.

Stenographer Denny of police headquarters swore to the written confession as
Saide Robinson's statement.

Clerk Bilse also swore to seeing Mrs.
Robinson sign her confession and identified
the paper and her signature. He said she
read it over carefully and made some corrections in lead pencil.

Court was adjourned until Monday morning.

POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY.

The Hearing of Chas. A. Dana, Charged With Criminal Libel. NEW YORK, March 16.—The hearing in the case of Charles A. Dana, who is charg-ed with criminally libeling Frank B. Noyes of Washington, D. C., was to have taken place before United States Commissioner Shields today. By agreement between counsel the hearing was postponed until Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

Paymaster Hatton's Assignment. cessfully passed the examination for admission to the navy as an assistant paymaster, and will be temporarily assigned to duty on the receiving ship Minesota at New York. When the ram Katahda goes into commission during the summer he will be attached to that verset.

GOODMANNOTGUILTY ROCK CREEK'S RUIN AN IMPENDING WAR altering his specification, the commission-

presses Vigorous Views

the Stream to an Open and HE OFFERED PLEA OF SELF-DEFENSE

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A move has been made by friends of Policeman Adwin W. Green, who shot and killed Réuben Foster in Anacostia on the night of March 4, to make up a purse to assist in defraying the expenses incurred in securing counsel, witnesses, etc., and to this end a petition is being circulated among the members of the police force, as follows:

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The statements in this petition represent the officer's side of the case, and it is stated that this showing made before the grand Jury was the reason why the charge was ignored. The jockey referred to, it is said, gave the evidence which settled the matter the night previous to the arrest and shooting of Foster. The men were engaged in a game of crap, so it is stated, and when Foster cheated there was a quarrel, which it is said resulted in Foster's attacking the jockey and robbing him.

This made the officers a filtony instead of a misdemeanor, so it is claimed, and justified the arrest, which the officer was required to maintain.

Under this condition of a fairs the police, it is said, regard Green's jonduct as justifiable, and many of them dre said to be inclined to assist bilm in defraying the expense incurred in defending the case.

Patent Attorneys and Inventors Arrayed Against the Patent Office.

CRITICISING THE COMMISSIONER

Detailed and Specific Charges Are Freely Indulged In.

MAY REACH THE COURTS

removal being announced the commissioner was deluged with letters protesting
against his action. Every patent attorney
in Washington signed a paper urgently
praying the action to be rescinded and simliar documents signed by every practicing
patent attorney in the respective cities
were sent from New York, Philadelphia,
tice of patent law is followed to any extent. No notice was taken of these appeals and no reason was assigned for the
removal of the examiners in chief. Two
of the younger members of the examiningcorps, Mesers. Breitzenstein and Greeley,
were selected as successors to Mesers,
Clark and Bates, and it is understood that
Mr. Seymour proposes to appoint two
service law. It is reported that the gentiamen selected are James T. Newton and L.
H. Campbell, Mr. Newton was formerly a
clerk in the law office of Secretary Hoke
Smith in Atlanta, Ga., and was a law clerk
in Commissioner Seymour's office until he
was appointed chief clerk of the patent
office, a position he now holds. Mr. Campbell is a law clerk at present in the commissioner's office.

Commissioner Abrogates the Law.

None of the details, it is said, have been settled and will not be until the negotiations are in progress. Japan has been informed that Li Hung Chang has full power to arrange terms of peace and has been assured China sincerely desires that the war be stopped by treaty agreement. The details as to the price China shall pay have not been defiritely arranged, neither as to the exact cession of territory nor the amount of the indemnity or the kind of money in which it shall be paid. Japan has reached certain conclusions, especially respecting the cession of territory, but no conclusion has been reached with China, Li Hung Sails for Japan.

Li Hung Sails for Japan. Minister Denby has cabled the State De-

partment confirming the press report of the departure of Li Hung Chang from

Shanghai for Japan. He says the viceroy sailed in royal state, with a suite of 130 persons, embarked on two steamships,

NOT A NEW INDUSTRY.

missioner's office.

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The criticisms do not cease when the commissioner's alleged manipulation of the personnel of the patent office is concluded as a topic. He is charged with having deliberately disregarded and set aside the law of the land governing patents and replaced a United States statute with a ukase of his own.

own.
Section 4894 of the Revised Statutes gives an inventor two years in which to complete his application or to prosecute the same after any action taken by the patent office, of which notice shall have been given him. Section 4903 provides as follows:
"Whenever, on examination, any claim

feeling sizes in the Section, any claim for a patent is rejected, the commissioner shall notify the applicant thereof, giving him briefly the reasons for such rejection, together with such information and references as may be useful in judging the propriety of renewing his application, or of altering his specification, and, if after receiving such notice the applicant persists in his claim for a patent, with or without

BUYING OF CUBA

Where the Real Strength of the Proposition Lies.

the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Pesterday's Star contained 43 columns of advertisements, made up of 623 separate announce: ments. These advertisers bought publicity—not merely

ISLAND'S VALUE TO THIS GOVERNMENT

Its Location and Worth From a Commercial Standpoint.

DEVELOPMENT POSSIBILITIES

the most delightful cities anywhere within easy reach of our mainland. Winter travel there from all over the United States will increase, and new life be infused into all the country round. We shall in this way, of course, be improving our own property, and justifying whatever price may have been paid.

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Not Only the Commercial Side.

"But the commercial side of the question, strong as it is, should not so much occupy us. We could afford to buy Cuba if it were a huge rock or a stretch of unproductive lave beds or an unthinned jungle, with an occasional clearing on the coast for a fort. Its location is of the greatest importance to us, and gives to the island a value in American eyes which cannot be ignored. I hope one energoitations opened for purchase at one see negotiations opened for purchase at one see the sociation of the situation and stand out for a stiff price, if she consents to treat at all. Cuba is valuable to her only on the money side, it is a goose that for years has been laying golden eggs. Spain likes the nest. She has been going there in times of stress and always finding the desired treasure. She is poor today, but will probably balance the proposition of a lump sum against a calculation showing the annual income from the island. This is a sure thing as "Do you think Spain holds the United States in part responsible for disorders in Cuba?"

"If have reason to believe that she does. And it would not surprise me if in the correspondence growing out of the Alliance episode pretty pointed reference were made to the fact. There is more feeling on the subject than has as yet appeared. This, too, may make negotiations about buying the island the more difficult when they are opened, but it should not make a purchase impossible." Not Only the Commercial Side. NOT A NEW INDUSTRY.

Assistant Secretary Hamilin's Decision as to Alien Diamond Cutters.

Acting Secretary Hamilin today rendered a decision in an interesting labor question that has been pending before the Treasury Department for several weeks. The alien labor contract law excepts from its provisions foreign laborers who may come to this country under contract to engage in a "new industry in the United States." The question at issue was, whether "diamond cutting" should be considered a "new industry" within the meaning of the law, and consequently whether alien diamond cutters were exempt from the prohibition against the importation of alien laborers brought here under contract. In the contract cutting is not a new industry in substituting is not a new industry in States, and consequently persons engaged in it who import foreign labor under contract do so in violation of the alien labor contract law. Instructions will accordingly be issued to prohibit the landing of such laborers in the future and to send back those who have already arrived.

Fourth-Class Postmasters. Twenty-nine fourth-class postmasters were appointed today, of whom twenty were to fill vacancies caused by resignations and two by deaths.